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From: Executive Secretary, Navy Epidemiology Board
To: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center
Via: President, Navy Epidemiology Board

Subj: MINUTES OF THE NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD (NEB) MEETING OF
11-13 JULY 2001

Ref: (a) NAVENVIRHLTHCENINST 6220.1E

Encl: (1) List of Attendees
(2) Navy Epidemiology Board Agenda
(3) EPI-RAP 01-001 Polio Vaccine - CDR LaMar
(4) EPI-RAP 01-002 Hepatitis B Vaccine - CDR LaMar
(5) EPI-RAP 01-003 Need for SAMS CCB Liaison to Facilitate Changes to Underlying
SAMS Database - CDR Sherman
(6) EPI-RAP 01-004 Web-Based Mishap and Injury Tracking (INJTRAC) -
CDR Rennix
(7) Presentation - An Investigation into Disabilities in the U.S. Marine Corps -
CDR Landro
(8) Presentation - A Cancer Cluster at a Navy Weapons Research Facility -
LT Zinderman
(9) Presentation - The Distribution of Disabilities in the United States Marine Corps -
CDR Landro
(10) Update on DoD GEIS Initiatives - CAPT Davis
(11) NAVENVIRHLTHCENINST 6220.1F Navy Epidemiology Board Instruction
(DRAFT)

1. The subject meeting was held at the Navy Environmental Health Center, 11 – 13 July 2001, in accordance with reference (a). Attendees are listed in enclosure (1). The NEB meeting agenda is provided as enclosures (2).

2. **Old Business** (Previous EPI-RAPs still pending).

a. **EPI-RAP 00-008: Preventive Medicine Physician Credentials and Privileges.**

NEB Recommendation: CAPT Brawley informed the NEB that a request for waiver on privileging is being pursued through the Surgeon General's Office.

Action Required: CAPT Brawley will provide an update at the next NEB meeting on status of credentials and privileges.

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b. EPI-RAP 00-011: Microbial Based Cleaners.

NEB Recommendation: CAPT Bohnker has developed this issue as a health hazard assessment request to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Action Required: the NEB requires no further action.

Status: Closed.

c. EPI-RAP 00-013: Individual Medical Readiness Categories.

NEB Recommendation: A universal needs statement was developed by II MEF and has been submitted to HQUSMC via MARFORLANT.

Action required: CDR Hendricks to update the Board on action taken at next NEB.

Status: Open.

d. EPI-RAP 00-014: Monitoring for syphilis Eradication in the US Navy and Marine Corps through the Medical Event Reporting System (MERS) and the Defense Medical Surveillance System.

NEB Recommendation: Continue the work on the Medical Surveillance initiative in regards to STD Reporting, CAPT Thomas will provide a status report to the Board after two cycles (DEC 01 NEB Meeting) on AD Navy and Marine Corps syphilis rates. Meet the U.S. Public Health Services CY05 eradication goal.

Action Required: NEB to hear progress report at the December 2001 meeting.

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d. EPI-RAP 00-015 Report of Thermal Stress Injuries.

NEB Recommendation: Develop and submit a Dual-Signed (i.e., Surgeon General/CG, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC)) OPNAV Order delineating guidance for the reporting of thermal stress injuries.

Action Required: NEHC Preventive Medicine and Occupational/Environmental Medicine Directorates will collaborator in drafting changes to existing instructions to meet the recommended reporting requirements.

Status: Open.

e. EPI-RAP 00-016: Collaboration of the Various Electronic Surveillance Systems Developed for Force Health Protection.

NEB Recommendation: NMIMC-02 under the guidance of LCDR Andy Spencer, NC, USN established a TMIP-M Working Group consisting of representatives from NEHC, BUMED-02, NHRC, HQUSMC and other operational command in order to collaborate in the review of existing systems that were developed to meet the requirement of movement of surveillance information by electronic means. This Working Groups initial meet in early July '01.

Action required: No further action required by the Board.

Status: Closed.

3. New Business

a. EPI-RAP 01-001: Polio Vaccine, enclosure (3).

NEB Recommendation: Remain with stated policy in the draft BUMEDNOTE 6230 that is current at BUMED for review and approval.

Action required: CDR Jim LaMar to contact USN/USMC Recruit Centers as to policy regarding the use of the Polio Vaccine.

Status: Closed

b. EPI-RAP 01-002: Hepatitis B Vaccine, enclosure (4).

NEB Recommendation: Remain with stated policy in the draft BUMEDNOTE 6230 that is current at BUMED for review and approval.

Action required: No further action required by the Board.

Status Closed.

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c. **EPI-RAP 01-003:** Need for SAMS CCB Liaison to Facilitate Changes to Underlying SAMS Database, enclosure (5).

NEB Recommendation: LCDR Mark Malakooti (incoming NEB Secretary) as NEHC's TMIP-M CCB (formally SAMS CCB) Representative will also function as an advocate for the NEB on pertinent issues that the Board wishes to send forward via the CO, NEHC.

Action Required: LCDR Malakooti will report to the Board on pertinent issues that are brought before the TMIP-M CCB as required.

Status: Closed.

d. **EPI-RAP 01-004:** Web-Based Mishap and Injury Tracking (INJTRAC), enclosure (6).

NEB Recommendation: Continue to follow the progress of this CNO QMB Chartered Project.

Action Required: None. An informational brief only.

Status: Closed.

4. Administrative Business

a. Presentations to the Board.

(1) LT Craig Zinderman, MC, USNR presented preliminary information on a retrospective cohort study investigation cancer mortality in machine shop workers from two Navy R&D Facilities (see enclosure (8)). LT Zinderman will provide a periodic report to the Board as the study moves towards its completion.

(2) CDR Frederick Landro, MC, USNR presented a retrospective descriptive analysis of the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) Database as it relates to Marine Corps disabilities by gender, pay grade, and military occupational specialty (MOS) (see enclosure (9)).

b. Written Brief: CAPT Sue Davis, MC, USN provided in absentia a written brief to the Board on the current status of DoD Global Emerging Infection Surveillance System and Response (GEIS) (see enclosure (10)). CDR Murphy, NEB Secretary distributed the written brief to all members and provided a synopsis of the ongoing projects.

c. The draft of the updated NAVENVIRHLTHCEN Instruction 6220.1F (enclosure (11)) which provides policy and procedures for the Navy Epidemiology Board was reviewed and forwarded to the Commanding Officer, NEHC for approval as part of these minutes of the meeting.

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d. With the pending PSC of the present NEB Secretary, CDR Murphy, an election was conducted to select a new secretary. CDR Mark Malakooti was unanimously elected by the Board to succeed CDR Murphy as the next secretary. His name is hereby submitted to the Commanding Officer, NEHC for approval.

5. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 5,6, and 7 December 2001.

[Signed]
B. P. MURPHY
CDR, MSC, USN

Minutes reviewed and approved by President, Navy Epidemiology Board.

Date: 11/15/2001

[Signed]
S. S. SHERMAN
CDR, MC, USN

Minutes reviewed by Commanding Officer, NAVENVIRHLTHCEN.

Comments: **Please have minutes to me within 30 days of adjournment of meeting.**

Approved/Disapproved

Except for version of instruction. Please clarify at next NEB membership and rationale for #'s and distribution. I will support a change in make-up of the group but no net increase in # of funded positions.

Date: 011116

[Signed]
D. M. SACK

**NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD
NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER
NORFOLK, VA**

**LIST OF ATTENDEES FOR NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD
MEETING OF JULY 11-13, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT

CDR S Sherman, MC, USN (**President**/NEPMU-5)
CAPT K Schor, MC, USN (HQUSMC)
CAPT R Thomas, MC, USN (NEHC)
CDR McBride, MC, USN (BUMED Med-24)
CDR B. Murphy, MSC, USN (**Executive Secretary**/NEHC)
CAPT B Bohnker, MC, USN (NEHC)
CAPT E. Kilbane, MC, USN (NEPMU-7)
CDR J. Lamar, MC, USN (NEPMU-2)
CDR B. Hendricks, MC, USN (II MEF)

GUESTS

LCOL Cox, USAF, MC, SF (AFIERA)

MEMBERS ABSENT

CDR M. McCarthy, MC, USN (NMRI)
CDR Laurel May, MC, USN (NEPMU-6)
LCDR A. Fallon, MC, USN (**Vice President**/I MEF)

Enclosure (1)

AGENDA

**NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD MEETING
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Wednesday, 11 July, 2001

0900 - 0910 Welcome & Opening Remarks - CDR Sherman

0910 - 0930 Executive Officer Remarks - CAPT Need

Program Updates

0930 - 0950 BUMED MED - 24/JPMPG/ - CAPT Yund

0950 - 1010 HQ USMC - CAPT Schor

1010 - 1030 NEHC - CDR Murphy

1030 - 1100 USAF Brief - LCOL Cox

1100 - 1115 **Break**

1115 - 1215 NEPMU Briefs

1215 - 1330 **Lunch**

1330 - 1400 Specialty Leader Brief - CDR Sharp

1400 - 1430 Clinical Epidemiology Program Coordinator - CAPT Brawley

Old Business (Review Status of Open EPI-RAPS)

1430-1530 **EPI-RAP 00-008** Preventive medicine Physician Credentials and Privileges - CAPT Brawley

EPI-RAP 00-011 Microbial-Base Cleaner - CAPT Bohnker/Mr. Hernandez

1530 - 1545 **Break**

1545 - 1630 **EPI-RAP 00-013** Individual Medical Readiness Categories - CDR Hendricks

EPI-RAP 00-015 Navy/Marine Corps Heat Casualty Reporting Process - CDR Murphy/
Ms Craft

1630 Closing Remarks/Adjourn – CDR Sherman

Thursday, 12 July 2001

0900 – 0910 Opening Remarks – CDR Sherman

0910 – 1000 Presentation - An Investigation into Disabilities in the U.S. Marine Corps - CDR Landro

1000 - 1050 Presentation - A Cancer Cluster at a Navy Weapons Research Facility - LT Zinderman

1050 - 1105 **Break**

New Business

1005 - 1200 **EPI-RAP 01-01** Hepatitis B Vaccine - CDR LaMar

EPI-RAP 01-02 Polio Vaccine - CDR LaMar

EPI-RAP 01-03 Need for SAMS CCB liaison to facilitate changes to underlying
SAMS database structure - CDR Sherman

1200 – 1330 **Lunch**

1330 - 1430 Presentation - INJTRAC - CAPT(S) Rennix

1430 - 1600 **Open Forum**

Enclosure (2)

Friday, 13 July, 2001

0800 – 0810 Opening Remarks – CDR Sherman

Administrative Business

0810 – 1100 Review of NEB Instruction - CDR Murphy

1100 - 1115 Selection of New NEB Secretary - CDR Sherman

1100 - 1115 Selection of Date for Next Meeting and Closing Remarks

1115 **Adjourn**

Enclosure (2)